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From: Latimer, Becky
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 9:33 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: 2019-290-WS

Dear Ms. Mary Hart Jones,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

- Docket No. 2019-290-WS - Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate Schedules and Increase Rates

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Docket No. 2019-290-WS - Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate Schedules and Increase Rates <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/117247>

If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Becky Latimer

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Letter of Protest

Date: *

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Protestant Information:

Name *

Mary Hart Jones

Mailing Address *

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Phone *

E-mail

1. What is your connection or interest in this case? For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I am a customer of Blue Granite.

2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

The amount of the increase (from \$65.08 to \$101.30) is exorbitant, particularly for senior citizens like me on fixed incomes. Additionally, the "justification" provided in the customer letter is self-serving with little concern for the financial impact on your customers and does not help your customers clearly understand why such a large increase is necessary. Quite frankly, this appears to be a perfect example of "price gouging" under circumstances over which your customers have no control because your company is the sole provider of our sewer services in this area. In other words, it seems to be an unfair opportunity to take advantage of your customers.

3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding, if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony?

No